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FRYE GAILLARD TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON MAY 4 AT 12:00
JOURNEY TO THE WILDERNESS: WAR, MEMORY, AND A SOUTHERN FAMILY'S CIVIL WAR LETTERS

Montgomery, AL (4/26/17) – On **Thursday, May 4 at 12:00**, Frye Gaillard will present a book talk on his publication *Journey to the Wilderness: War, Memory, and a Southern Family's Civil War Letters* at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **free**.

In his 2015 book *Journey to the Wilderness*, award-winning author Frye Gaillard reflects on the war -- and the way we remember it -- through the lens of letters written by his family, including great-great grandfather, Thomas Gaillard, and Thomas's sons, Franklin and Richebourg, both of whom were Confederate officers. Frye Gaillard came of age in a Southern generation that viewed the war as a glorious lost cause. However, as he read through letters collected and handed down by members his family, he confronted a far more sobering truth.

Frye Gaillard, writer in residence at the University of South Alabama, has written extensively on southern race relations, politics and culture. He is former Southern Editor at *The Charlotte Observer* and has written or edited more than twenty books. His award-winning titles include *Cradle of Freedom: Alabama and the Movement That Changed America*; *The Dream Long Deferred: The Landmark Struggle for Desegregation in Charlotte, North Carolina*; *Watermelon Wine: The Spirit of Country Music*; *If I Were a Carpenter: Twenty Years of Habitat for Humanity*; *Prophet from Plains: Jimmy Carter and His Legacy*; and *As Long As the Waters Flow: Native Americans in the South and East*. Gaillard now lives on the Alabama Gulf Coast with his wife, Nancy, who teaches in the College of Education at the University of South Alabama.

Copies of Gaillard's book will be available for purchase at the presentation. For more information, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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